

## AIDS TO NAVIGATION.

JANUARY 30, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. CORLISS, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

### REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9703.]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9703) to provide for light-houses and other aids to navigation, beg leave to submit the following report, and recommend that said bill do pass with amendments:

The correspondence from the Treasury Department herewith submitted shows that this legislation is important.

The committee recommend the following amendments:

In line 6 strike out the words "four thousand five hundred dollars."

In line 8 strike out the words "three thousand five hundred dollars."

In line 10 strike out the words "seven thousand dollars."

In lines 12 and 13 strike out the words "fifteen thousand dollars."

In line 15 strike out the words "two thousand dollars."

In line 17 strike out the words "ten thousand dollars."

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *Washington, D. C., December 22, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from your committee, dated December 19, 1896, inclosing H. R. bill No. 9703, providing for light-houses and other aids to navigation at Cape San Blas, Egmont Key, Apalachicola Bay, St. Joseph Point, Choctawhatchee Bay, and Key West, Fla., and asking suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage.

This matter was referred to the Light-House Board which reports that the estimates submitted by the Board included items for each of the points referred to. The Board therefore knows of no reason why the bill should not pass.

Respectfully, yours,

W. E. CURTIS, *Acting Secretary.*

THE CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE,  
*House of Representatives.*

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *Washington, D. C., January 14, 1897.*

SIR: Referring to my letter of December 21, 1896, in response to certain proposed aids to navigation in the Seventh light-house district, west coast of Florida, I have to state further for the information of your committee that all the estimates submitted by the Light-House Board received the careful scrutiny of that Board before the lists were compiled, and that only such works as, in the opinion of the Board, were

required by the urgent demands of commerce were included. The fixed aids recommended by the Board for the Seventh district are as follows:

Cape San Blas light station, Florida: Completing the removal of this station to Blacks Island .....	\$4,500
Egmont Key light station, Florida: Building a light-keeper's dwelling at Egmont Key light station, Florida.....	3,500
Apalachicola Bay range light station, Florida: Reconstructing the front beacon of Apalachicola bay range light station, Florida.....	7,000
St. Joseph Point light station, Florida: Establishing a light station at or near St. Joseph Point, in St. Joseph Bay, west coast of Florida.....	15,000
Choctawhatchee Bar, Florida, range lights: Establishing range lights to mark the channel over the bar, entrance to Choctawhatchee Bay.....	2,000
Key West light-house and buoy depot, Florida: Repairing wharf and buildings of the depot at Key West, Fla.....	10,000

The brief notes accompanying these estimates explain the necessity in each case. It should be added that each of the above recommendations is based upon the recommendations and estimates of the local district officers which have been received from time to time.

Respectfully, yours,

S. WIKE, *Acting Secretary.*

The CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE,  
*House of Representatives.*